

S.-K. MA, *Statistical Mechanics*, World Scientific, 1985, 548 pp.

We liked this book when it first came out (and so we said in one of these reviews), and we like it even better now. It has pleasant probabilistic overtones and few pictures (which often in statistical mechanics are not a replacement for a thousand words, but for a lack of proof).

J. STÜCKRAD AND W. VOGEL, *Buchsbaum Rings and Applications*, Springer, 1986, 286 pp.

The combinatorization of algebraic geometry is confirmed by this thorough book, easy to read, comprehensive, *gründlich*, path-breaking, democratic, and (as further credit to the authors' success in awakening interest in the subject) far from definitive.

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